

APPENDIX A

Dictionary

Thesaurus

Encyclopedia

Translator

Web

Login

Register

Help



narrative

Search

Related Searches

Narrative poems
 Writing a narrative
 Narrative essay
 Narrative paragraph...
 Student narrative w...
 Narrative stories
 Narrative structure...
 Narrative literatur...
 Writing a personal ...
 Write a narrative
 Free narrative stor...
 Narrative of the li...

Synonyms

recount
 yarn
 account
 description
 book
 fictional
 report

[More Synonyms >](#)**Nearby Words**

narmer
 narmer palette
 narp
 narpps
 narr.
 narr
 narrable
 narraganset
 narragansett
 narragansett bay
 narragansett pier
 narratability
 narratable
 narrate
 narration
 narrational
narrative
 narrative hook
 narrative of the ...
 narrative poem
 narrativize
 narratology
 narrator
 narratory
 narre
 narrow
 narrow angle glau...
 narrow back
 narrow basis
 narrow beech fern
 narrow boat
 narrow bodied
 narrow cast

narrative - 3 dictionary results**Narrative at Amazon**

Millions of titles, new & used. Qualified orders over \$25 ship free
[Amazon.com/books](#)

[» Podcast](#)[» Style guide](#)[» School gear](#)[» Literary terms](#)**Find Narrative**

Huge savings on **Narrative**: Browse a large selection & grab a bargain!

[www.best-price.com/Narrative](#)**narrative**

[nar-uh-tiv] ⓘ

-noun

1. a story or account of events, experiences, or the like, whether true or fictitious.
2. a book, literary work, etc., containing such a story.
3. the art, technique, or process of narrating: *Somerset Maugham was a master of narrative.*

-adjective

4. consisting of or being a narrative: *a narrative poem.*
5. of or pertaining to narration: *narrative skill.*
6. *Fine Arts.* representing stories or events pictorially or sculpturally: *narrative painting.* Compare [ANECDOTAL](#) (def. 2).

Origin:

1555–65; < L *narrātīvus* suitable for narration. See [NARRATE](#), [-IVE](#)

Related forms:**nar·ra·tive·ly, adverb****Synonyms:**

1. chronicle, tale. NARRATIVE, ACCOUNT, RECITAL, HISTORY are terms for a story of an event or events. NARRATIVE is the general term (for a story long or short; of past, present, or future; factual or imagined; told for any purpose; and with or without much detail). The other three terms apply primarily to factual stories of time already past. An ACCOUNT is usually told informally, often for entertainment, with emphasis on details of action, whether about an incident or a series of happenings. A RECITAL is an extended narrative usually with an informative purpose, emphasizing accuracy and exhaustive details of facts and figures. A HISTORY, usually written and at some length, is characterized by a tracing of causes and effects, and by an attempt to estimate, evaluate, and interpret facts.

Dictionary.com Unabridged
 Based on the Random House Dictionary, © Random House, Inc. 2009.
[Cite This Source](#) | [Link To narrative](#)

Narrative at Amazon

Millions of titles, new & used. Qualified orders over \$25 ship free
[Amazon.com/books](#)

Find Narrative

Huge savings on **Narrative**: Browse a large selection & grab a bargain!

[www.best-price.com/Narrative](#)**narrative**

(när'ə-tiv) ⓘ

n.

1. A narrated account; a story.
2. The art, technique, or process of narrating.

adj.

1. Consisting of or characterized by the telling of a story: *narrative poetry.*
2. Of or relating to narration: *narrative skill.*

narrative·ly adv.

The American Heritage® Dictionary of the English Language, Fourth Edition
 Copyright © 2009 by Houghton Mifflin Company.
 Published by Houghton Mifflin Company. All rights reserved.
[Cite This Source](#)

Word Origin & History**narrative** (adj.)

c.1450, from M.Fr. *narratif*, from L.L. *narrativus* "suited to narration," 1561, from the adjective. Narrator first attested 1611; in sense of "a

APPENDIX A

Online Etymology Dictionary, © 2001 Douglas Harper
[Cite This Source](#)

Search another word or see [narrative](#) on Thesaurus | Reference
About • Privacy Policy • Terms of Use • Careers • Advertise with Us • Link to Us • Contact Us
Dictionary.com, LLC. Copyright © 2010. All rights reserved.

Follow us: Twitter Facebook

Partner Sites: Ask Answers | Evite | Expedia | Hotels | Hotwire | Life123 | LiveDaily | My Way

narrative

Search